

The 1st Joyful Mystery: THE ANNUNCIATION



MARY'S MESSAGE: God so loved you that for your sake He willed His only-begotten Son to become a man. In fulfilling His Father's will, Christ came to earth to redeem you, and to show you the path to heaven. In this mystery, Jesus teaches you to love God effectively by doing his will.

PRAYER: Dear Blessed Mother, you replied to God's angel: "I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." Simply and humbly, you made yourself available for the service God required. May I never forget your lesson of prompt availability to your Father's will. Amen.

The 2nd Joyful Mystery: THE VISITATION



MARY'S MESSAGE: Christ had hardly taken flesh and already He wanted to be shared; He longed to give Zachary, Elizabeth, and the unborn John the joy of His presence. In this mystery, Jesus invites you to share Him with your fellow men: "Freely you have received, freely give."

PRAYER: Dear Blessed Mother, your example of charity and apostolic zeal is a precious lesson. Make me understand how to preserve the faith by sharing Christ with others less privileged spiritually. Whenever I keep my faith in Christ to myself, please remind me to care and share, at least through the charity of prayer. Amen.

The 3rd Joyful Mystery: THE NATIVITY



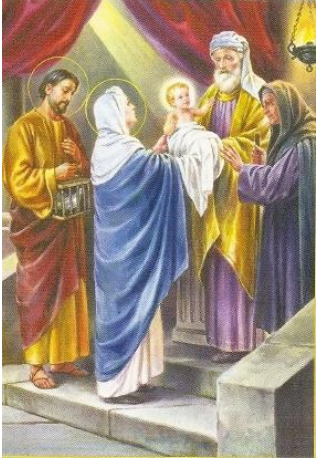
MARY'S MESSAGE: At Bethlehem, the kindness and graciousness of God our Savior appeared to invite a sin-saddened world to rejoice. The herald angels greeted Christ's birth as good news of great joy. You believe in Christ. So, be full of the joy He gives you as a pledge of endless bliss in His presence.

PRAYER: Dear Blessed Mother, help me to serve the Lord with gladness. May I put away all gloom and sadness to look like a Christian firmly convinced of God's loving kindness and mercy. Let

me be glad in Him and joyful because of His spirit. Then like you, I can be a cause of joy to all around me. Amen.

The 4th Joyful Mystery:

THE PRESENTATION



MARY'S MESSAGE: When you were baptized, you were presented to the Lord in His temple. You then agreed to serve Him faithfully on earth that you might worship Him and be His forever. May this Rosary mystery always recall your baptismal promises and inspire you to live up to them.

PRAYER: Thank you, dear Blessed Mother, for turning my thoughts to my first meeting with Christ at the baptismal font. In joining His company, I rejected evil and sin by pledging lifelong fidelity to Christ. Virgin most faithful, please pray to the Lord for me that I may remain totally and generously dedicated to Him and keep my baptismal promises. Amen.

The 5th Joyful Mystery:

THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE



MARY'S MESSAGE: In your life also, there will be strange divine doings to puzzle you. You may wonder in dismay what God wants to accomplish. You may wish to probe in prayer to discover His hidden reasons. God does not ask you to understand His doings fully, but rather to align your will with His in complete, filial trust.

PRAYER: Dear Blessed Mother, the thousand "whys" on my lips are not always the best response to God. May His Holy Spirit teach me, as He taught you, to accept His ways without always asking God to prove again His care of me. May I always reverence His presence within me as another living temple of His glory. Amen.

1st Luminous Mystery:
THE BAPTISM OF JESUS CHRIST



MARY'S MESSAGE: How often must you and your cousin, Elizabeth, watched with joyful hearts, your toddler sons play and frolic – as small boys do. Days of joy and wonder. How different that eventful day. “You are my beloved Son,” the Voice from heaven said. “On You My favor rests.” John the Baptist’s work was done; Jesus’ mission was just beginning. Help me to be like you, Dear Mother Mary, opening my heart and soul, to God’s voice always.

PRAYER: Mother Mary, help me remember by own baptism calling me to mission. Help me keep my focus on God – in every season, all the days God gives me. Keep me a disciple of Jesus and waiting for the Light of His Return. Amen

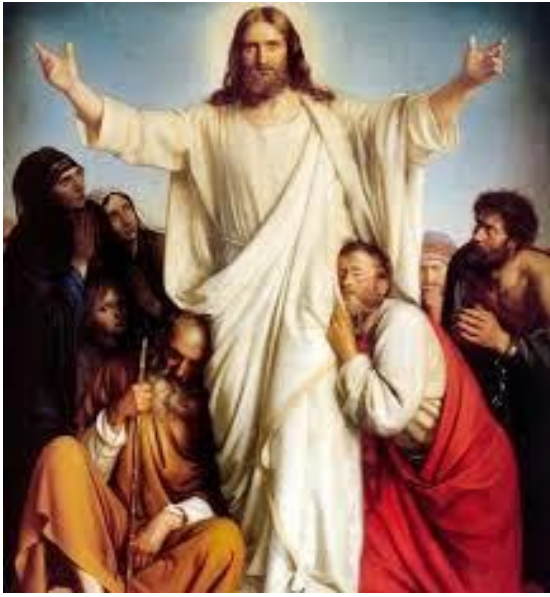
2nd Luminous Mystery:
SELF-REVELATION AT CANA



MARY'S MESSAGE: In the Marriage Feast at Cana, Jesus reveals “His glory.” St. John says Mary told her Son, “They have no more wine.” Simple. Direct. Then, we hear Mary telling the headwaiter, “Do whatever he tells you.” The result – Jesus changed 120 gallons of water into the finest wine for a village couple’s wedding and turned the disciples into more than a hopeful band of followers. They “believed in Him,” St. John tells us, truly believed in Him for the first time.

PRAYER: Dear Mary, my Spiritual Mother, help me realize your message at Cana. Jesus showed us faith and belief at the service of life, in celebration of love, commitment and joy. I pause to adore my Lord... thanking Him for inviting me to be His Disciple. Amen

3rd Luminous Mystery:
PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM



MARY'S MESSAGE: You had known from the beginning what it was all about. When the light of the Angel Gabriel filled the room... "Great will be His dignity and He will be called Son of the Most High... and His reign will be without end." Your own words changed history forever: "I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." "God who is mighty has done great things for me." And for all of us.

PRAYER: Dear Blessed Mother, help to make time for my work, my role in the bringing about of God's Kingdom on earth. To make it a priority in my life. Let

no false humility keep me from being God's instrument, from experiencing in my own life that "nothing is impossible with God." Amen

4th Luminous Mystery:
THE TRANSFIGURATION



MARY'S MESSAGE: When you, too, Dear Holy Mother, heard the apostles tell the story of the Transfiguration... the dazzling, blinding, magnetic light... you were not surprised. Nor were you frightened, you had become Mother to all at the foot of the Cross - You had seen the Light before. And still do in Eternity. As you invite me to do – to hold the Mystery of Jesus,

the nurturing sustaining presence of God in my heart every day.

PRAYER: Holy Mother Mary, help me "ponder" this Mystery in my heart. Jesus chose to reveal it after calling His Apostles and me to be His presence in the world. Help me remember that Jesus, the Eternal Light, is with me always. Amen

5th Luminous Mystery:
INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST



MARY'S MESSAGE: You who gave flesh and blood, Dear Holy Mother, to the Son of God; You who nurtured the Flesh that is Food indeed... the Blood that is drink forever... You who ever and always give thanks to God for all His gifts, now and in eternity! You call me and all of God's other children who celebrate the Lord's Supper to meet the needs of those people God has given us.

PRAYER: Help me, Mother Mary, keep from taking the Eucharist for granted. Help me, instead, recall with awe and always with gratitude who it is who is being celebrated in our Mass, who nurtures me... and who wants to nurture the hearts of all others. Amen

1st Sorrowful Mystery:
THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

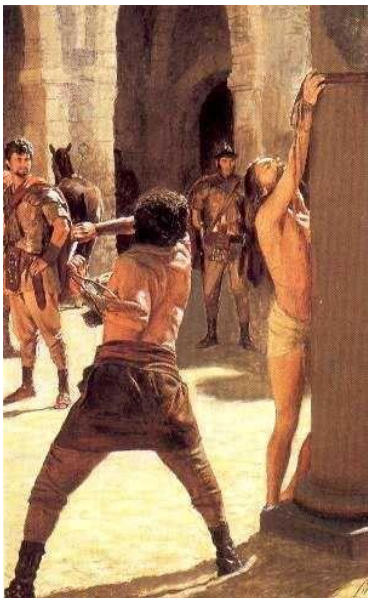


MARY'S MESSAGE: "In His anguish He prayed with all the greater intensity." In this sorrowful episode Jesus shows you why, the greater your physical or emotional distress, the more earnest should be your prayer. God will not guarantee to remove your burden; but He will surely grant you at least the comfort, courage, and strength to endure.

PRAYER: Dear Blesse Mother, kindly teach me to give prayer a major place in my life. Guide me in the ways of that humble,

confident, persevering prayer that links God's strength to my weakness. May I translate my belief into action and pray with greater fervor when my days are beset with difficulties. Amen

2nd Sorrowful Mystery:
THE SCOURGING



MARY'S MESSAGE: With His mental anguish, Jesus knew agony also in the flesh. His scourging reminds us of the excruciatingly painful blows inflicted upon His body. By those stripes, sinners are healed, for it was sin that caused His scourging at the pillar.

PRAYER: Dear Blessed Mother, in baptism I died to sin and rose with Christ to a new life. It was a beautiful beginning, but I grieve at the many times sin has since gained the upper hand over me. Mother of Sorrows, please obtain for me the grace to be truly sorry for all my sins. By the stripes of Christ, my Savior may I be healed and made holy. Amen

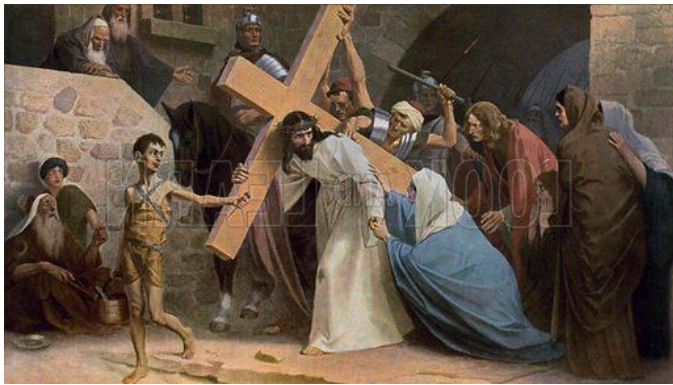
3rd Sorrowful Mystery:
THE CROWNING OF THORNS



MARY'S MESSAGE: In this sorrowful mystery, Christ's Mystical Body acquired a thorn-crowned Head. Let the pain and shame of this mock crowning be an unforgettable lesson for you. If you accept the kingship of your blessed Redeemer, you must let Him reign and truly rule in every area of your life.

PRAYER: Dear Mother of my Lord and King, intercede for me in His presence. Pray that He may reign ever more completely in my mind, my will, my heart, and in all the other members of my body. May His kingdom come more fully in my life, in all the lives that touch mine, and in all hearts the world over. Amen

4th Sorrowful Mystery:
THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS



MARY'S MESSAGE: Rise and fall, rise and fall: that was the pattern for the Master. It remains the same for all His disciples and for you! When you fall, you must rise again and keep going forward as Jesus did. Keep moving ahead with Him and the cruel cross on your shoulders will be a little lighter.

PRAYER: Dear Mother Mary, Jesus wants me to take up my cross daily and go forward with Him. When you see me dragging my burden, please remind me that there is a better and more Christlike way to bear it. Pray for me now that I may carry today's cross with love. Pray for me daily that I may rise with courage after each fall. Amen

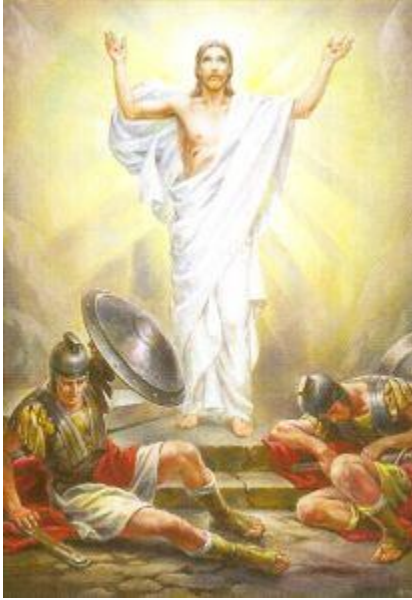
5th Sorrowful Mystery:
THE CRUCIFIXION



MARY'S MESSAGE: Jesus died on the cross for you. Now He wants you to live no longer for yourself but for Him. Whether you live or whether you die, you belong to Him. He redeemed you; you were consecrated to Him in baptism. Lift up your heart then! Beyond your personal Good Friday, there awaits a radiant Easter. Your Easter!

PRAYER: Dear Blessed Mother, strengthen my faith that the cross and the tomb were not the end for Jesus. They were the beginning of something great and glorious, the necessary preludes to His magnificent Easter victory. May I always see death in the perspective of resurrection and new life in His heavenly kingdom. Amen

**1st Glorious Mystery:
THE RESURRECTION**



MARY'S MESSAGE: You are a sign that God is alive. You must stand before the world as a witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and a sign that God lives. In his infinite mercy and love, God made you one of His "Easter people" in holy baptism. Ask yourself this question, does Jesus Christ risen from the dead make all the difference in my life?

PRAYER: Queen of heaven, rejoice, because your Son has risen as He foretold. May the Risen Jesus be the light of my life, the joy of my heart, my constant intercessor at the Father's right hand. May I be willing to suffer with Christ that I may be glorified with Him. Amen

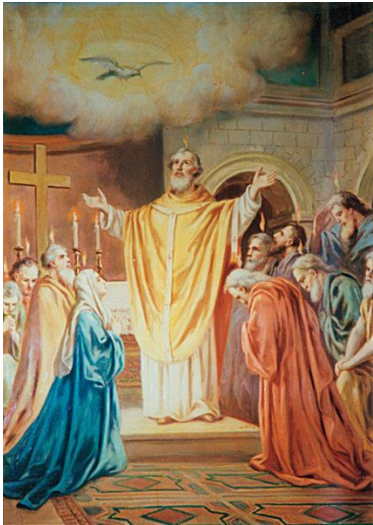
**2nd Glorious Mystery:
THE ASCENSION**



MARY'S MESSAGE: The people of God are like the men of Galilee who stood looking up to heaven. His people know that heaven is the holy city to which they journey as pilgrims. May all advance in joyful hope, and confident that God will keep His word and glorify them for all eternity.

PRAYER: Dear Blessed Mother, I know by faith that Christ has opened the gates of heaven. He is even now preparing a place for each of His servants. Help us always with your maternal and merciful aid, dear Mother of God, that we may be faithful until we come to the glory of His presence. Amen

**3rd Glorious Mystery:
THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**



MARY'S MESSAGE: There is a sense in which Pentecost is an ongoing miracle. Christ is continually sending His Spirit to make His followers better Christians, more effective witnesses, more authentic lovers of God and God's children. The more receptive you are, the more the Holy Spirit will work in you and through you for God's honor and glory.

PRAYER: Dear Blessed Mother, it was after the Holy Spirit first came upon you that the Son of the Most High took flesh and form within your chaste body. May I remember always that it is with your cooperation, together with the same Blessed Spirit, that Christ wills to be formed in me. Amen

**4th Glorious Mystery:
THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY**



MARY'S MESSAGE: As your thoughts turn heavenward, consider a few statements of the saints: St. Bonaventure: "The gates of heaven will open to all who confide in Mary's protection." St. Fulgentius: "Confidence in Mary is a ladder uniting heaven and earth." St. John Damascene: "To serve the Queen of heaven is already to reign there."

PRAYER: Dear Blessed Mother, enthroned in the Father's kingdom, you reign gloriously with your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Pray for us that we may believe more firmly in the reality of heaven and desire it more earnestly. In death's hour, welcome us with your Son so that we may dwell with Him forever. Amen

**5th Glorious Mystery:
THE CORONATION OF OUR LADY**



MARY'S MESSAGE: You have "cause for rejoicing" – cause for "inexpressible joy touched with glory," as St. Peter said. An imperishable inheritance is kept in heaven for you. A crown of glory awaits you. Every day brings you closer to your inheritance in the everlasting kingdom.

PRAYER: Queen of heaven and earth, teach me how to apply the lessons of the Rosary mysteries to my life. When my last Rosary on earth is said, assist me with your maternal protection. May I safely reach the paradise where you reign with God forever. Please grant the same loving help to all those for whom our Blessed Redeemer purchased the rewards of eternal life. Amen

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not unto temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

The Hail Mary

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen

The Glory Be...

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen (or... and ever shall be, world without end. Amen)

The Fatima Prayer

O, my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy Mercy.

Hail Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, Hail our Life, our Sweetness, and our Hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, Holy Mother of God;

R. That we may be made worth of the promises of Christ.

PRAYER

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may learn to imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful, O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen